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1. WE CONCUR YOUR SUGGESTION TO HAVE CHILEAN NAVY PASS ON ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT TO OUR NAVAL ATTACHE.

2. WE KNOW OF NO SOVIET NAVAL SHIPS OR SUBMARINES IN THE VICINITY OF CHILE. CLOSEST SOVIET SUBMARINE IS ON PATROL OFF US WEST COAST SOME 3000 MILES AWAY. NEAREST SURFACE UNITS ARE SUBTENDER KUCHERENKO AND A FLEET OILER WHICH
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WERE AROUND 4500 MILES NORTHWEST OF CHILE AROUND NOON (EST.) THERE IS NO THIRD VESSEL. CITED SOVIET VESSELS SCHEDULED TO MAKE PORT VISITS IN CHILE, COLOMBIA, PERU AND ECUADOR DURING OCTOBER AND ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN VALPARAISO ON THE

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4TH. YOU MAY PASS ON FOREGOING TO CHILEANS IN WAY YOU DEEM BEST.

3. WHILE JUNTA'S CONCERN IS UNDERSTANDABLE, WE HOPE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL EASE THEIR MINDS AND DEVIATE ANY NEED FOR DIRECT MILITARY TO MILITARY INQUIRIES. RUSH

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